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Train station fire prompts investigation

VIA RAIL Fire crews were still investigating last evening after a blaze broke out in Halifax's main train station.

Workers at the Via Rail station on Hollis Street reportedly smelled smoke and called 911 at approximately 3:20 p.m., said platoon Chief Mike Blackburn. When firefighters arrived, the building's alarm system had started to sound and smoke had spread throughout the second and third floors.

"On further investigation, it was determined that the fire originated on the second floor," Blackburn said. "We do know that there were some workers working on the exterior of the building, however we haven't determined an exact cause."

According to Blackburn, the fire had been contained by 4 p.m. There was minimal damage to the building, and everyone was evacuated "without a hitch," he added.

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Hey big spenders

Speaker releases auditor general's full list of expenses

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Len Goucher must have had a very cramped office.

The former Tory MLA from Bedford-Birch Cove expensed more computers, more cameras, more printers and more video cameras than any other MLA. He also spent taxpayer dollars on a Dance Dance Revolution videogame.

His record \$38,694 in assets expensed was more than seven other MLAs combined.

But he was by no means alone.

A second round of the spending scandal kicked off yesterday when Speaker Charlie Parker released auditor general Jacques Lapointe's full list of political expenses from 2006 to June 2009.

Taxpayers have bought everything from a 50-inch LCD TV for former cabinet minister Carolyn Bolivar-Getson to digital book readers for Goucher and former Tory MLA Mark Parent.

Interim Tory leader Karen Casey, whose expenses include five TVs and a \$300 electric fireplace, had been calling for the full list to be released. She said her party would urge all current and former members to defend their expenses or repay the government.

"I can't answer for Mr. Goucher but I can tell you that I expect all Nova Scotians will be listening with interest to what all MLAs from all parties have in this particular document," Casey said.

Goucher didn't return telephone calls for comment yesterday.

The letter also names the 28 MLAs who double-dipped by expensing something multiple times.

Four MLAs now in government double-dipped for over \$1,000 — Clarrie MacKinnon, Percy Paris, Leonard Preyra and Michele



Former Conservative cabinet minister Len Goucher, seen in this file photo, has been named as the member of the Nova Scotia legislature who bought 11 computers and 12 printers with public funds.

\$38,694.14

What Len Goucher, former Tory MLA for Bedford-Birch Cove, expensed:

- 12 printers
- 11 computers
- 5 cameras

- 4 video recorders
- 1 Dance Dance Revolution Universe Xbox 360 game
- Overall expenses: \$38,694.14 in three years (tops amongst MLAs)

Raymond. Current Tory MLA Murray Scott and former Tory fisheries minister Ron Chisholm also crossed the thousand-dollar mark.

Premier Darrell Dexter said yesterday his \$12,600 for six computers was needed for his constituency office, which is one of the

busiest in the province.

He reiterated he plans to overhaul the system.

"The rules with re-

sition leader.

"The best indicator of the way we feel about this is what we said we are going to do," he said. "I did not preside over this system and the creation of it, but I will preside over the end of it."

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Costing taxpayers

• Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, former Tory MLA, Lunenburg West, expensed: 1 generator for \$3,800, 1 50-inch Plasma TV for \$1,600, 6 computers, 3 cameras. **Overall expenses: \$17,512.**

• Richard Hurlburt, former Tory MLA, Yarmouth, expensed: 1 generator installed in home for \$8,000, 2 TVs, 3 cameras. **Overall expenses: \$33,200.**



Hurlburt

• Darrell Dexter, NDP premier, MLA for Cole Harbour, expensed: 6 computers totalling \$12,600, 1 \$2,150 Canon 30D camera, 1 briefcase. **Overall expenses: \$19,299.**



Dexter

• Michelle Raymond, NDP MLA, Halifax Atlantic, expensed: Double-expensed 10 times totalling \$3,072 (more than any other MLA). **Overall expenses: \$6,712.**

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HRM council spending in check: Official

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PROCEDURE Residents of HRM don't need to worry about their municipal councillors expensing high-priced electronics, emergency generators or fancy new office furniture, said one city official yesterday.

Cathie Barrington, manager of HRM's Councillor Support Office, said HRM's 23 councillors are subject to the same expense-claim procedures as every other city employee. That means they can submit receipts for work-related purchases and will get a cheque reimbursing them a few weeks later. No allowances. No additional expense accounts. "It's completely different than the province, but pretty standard for municipalities across the country," Barrington said. "And generally, it's very tight. It's not like people are coming to me with crazy purchases like cameras or furniture."

Barrington said she's been fielding questions all week about how — and when — councillors can dip into the municipal coffers in the wake of a massive expense scandal that has rocked the provincial legislature. Several former and current MLAs are now struggling to dig their way out from under an avalanche of accusations that they misused public money.

According to Coun. Gloria McCluskey, there's not much chance of a similar fiasco coming out of city hall.

"They don't give us any money to begin with," she laughed. "The money they get (at the provincial level) is just outrageous."

McCluskey, who was actually picking up her expenses cheque yesterday, said she rarely claims anything except mileage on her vehicle. Barrington said that's true of most councillors.

"They do have a computer, a BlackBerry and a cellphone that is issued to them, but those items are returned once they're finished," she said.

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Double claims an error: MLA

Mistakes result of 'overzealous' filing of receipts, Raymond says

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The province's most prolific double-dipper says the system was confusing and hard to follow.

NDP MLA Michele Raymond submitted double claims on 10 occasions, for a value of \$3,071. She said yesterday it was all a mistake.

"Of course I'm sorry, and I'm very anxious to reimburse the public," she said.

Raymond said she was "overzealous" in filing receipts because she was anxious to back up claims. She filed her most costly expense, \$1,290 for a newspaper ad, twice because she thought it would be turned down the first time. She admitted she didn't check to see it wasn't.

Raymond said she tried to be a good steward of public money and thinks her constituents will understand.

"I don't know whether they actually elected me to be a bookkeeper or not. I hope that I have more to offer than just my accounting abilities," she said.

Most double expenses were isolated, small amounts. Others were much higher, such as Ron



Members of the Tory caucus, including leader Karen Casey, look over the list of MLA expenses released yesterday by House Speaker Charlie Parker at Province House.

Finance minister looks to stay mum

• Finance Minister Graham Steele, once the lone proponent of expense reform, now hopes to watch on in silence. "The important thing is the system be reformed and that's now happening. To be perfectly honest, the situation I'm in now is ... the more I say, the

more opinions I express about this, the more likely it is that will actually get in the way of positive reform," he said.

"Let me put it this way: When a snowball is rolling downhill, sometimes it's good to give it a push and sometimes it's good to just stay out of the way."

Chisholm (twice, \$1,045), Clarrie MacKinnon (once, \$1,238), Percy Paris (five times, \$1,551), Murray Scott (four times, \$1,141) and Leonard Preyra (four

times, \$2,207).

Preyra was eager to explain his bill when reached yesterday. He said he was double-charged himself by a furniture store for \$1,678



Leonard Preyra

— thus the double expense — and his staff didn't notice because it spanned separate calendar years and he had a changeover of assistants.

He said another \$345 charge was actually two separate advertising bills of equal amounts.

Preyra said MLAs frequently get double-billed and it can be tough to catch them all.

Notable expenditures among politicians

NUMBERS Top 5 biggest asset and electronic technology expenses between 2006-09:
1 Len Goucher, PC, \$38,694
2 Alfie MacLeod, PC, \$33,150
3 Richard Hurlburt, PC, \$29,247
4 John MacDonell, NDP, \$26,790
5 Leonard Preyra, NDP, \$22,829

Least expenses between 2006-09:
1 Bill Estabrooks, NDP, \$2,043
2 Leo Glavine, Lib, \$3,591

3 Manning MacDonald, Lib, \$4,033
4 David Morse, PC, \$5,443
5 Charlie Parker, NDP, \$6,258

Overall assets: \$417,217.03
 Electronic tech: \$281,806.39
 Total: \$699,023.42

Notable expenses:

• Former Conservative cabinet minister Judy Streatch spent \$1,099 on a Memphis loveseat.
 • NDP Health Minister Maureen MacDonald spent \$750 on a portable dishwasher.

• Interim Conservative Leader Karen Casey spent \$300 on an electric fireplace.
 • Former Conservative Pat Dunn spent \$1,898 on a 50-inch TV with stand.

• Former Conservative cabinet minister Bill Dooks spent \$6,449 on a generator.
 • Former Conservative cabinet minister Carolyn Boli-var-Getson spent \$1,605 on a 50-inch TV and \$3,839 for a generator.

• NDP Economic Development Minister Percy Paris spent \$8,631 on renovations.
 • Liberal member Keith Colwell spent \$10,078 on electronic items, more than any other politician.
 • NDP MLA Leonard Preyra expensed \$229 on a pink 8GB iPod Nano.
 • NDP MLA Michele Raymond spent \$1,417 to install a French door.
 • NDP member Trevor Zinck expensed \$475 on "new vinyl graphics for existing sign-face."

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Hurlburt says he's 'truly sorry' for expenses in resignation letter

TORIES The Nova Scotia Conservative party has released Richard Hurlburt's full resignation letter.

The member for Yarmouth and former cabinet member stepped down Tuesday after it was re-

vealed he had used taxpayers' money to purchase a generator and a big-screen television set.

In his letter, Hurlburt says he "deeply regrets" his error in judgment, adding he is "truly sorry for this mis-

step."

He offers apologies to family and constituents and takes sole responsibility for the decision to purchase the items outlined in the latest auditor general's report.

Hurlburt initially defend-

ed the \$8,000 generator as a valid expense, saying it could be used in emergencies by a nearby seniors' home.

He has since repaid the money.

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Sex case too late coming to trial: Defence

CHARGES The case against a former Cape Breton businessman facing 36 sex-related charges has taken too long to reach the trial stage, a lawyer argued yesterday in an application to stay the charges against his client.

Court has heard the initial allegations arose in early 1995, but it took the investigating RCMP officer 11 months to track down Ernest Fenwick MacIntosh's phone number in India.

David Bright, MacIntosh's lawyer, filed the application for a stay.

The six complainants in the case have been separated into two groups and MacIntosh is facing two separate trials, the first of which is expected to take place in April.

The charges arise from alleged incidents dating back to the 1970s in several Nova Scotia communities.

MacIntosh left Canada in 1994. Police started investigating complaints in 1995.

The telecommunications specialist spent 13 years in India before he was arrested in April 2007 at his former home in Gurgaon. He was extradited to Canada two months later and remained in custody until April 2008, when he was released on \$60,000 bail.

Since that time, he has been living in the Halifax area.

MacIntosh had been facing a total of 43 counts dating back to the 1970s related to eight complainants.

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Lawyers' society clears CBRM mayor

HEARING A Nova Scotia lawyer who criticized the province's judiciary has been found not guilty of professional misconduct.

The allegation against John Morgan, who is also the mayor of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, stemmed from a radio interview in 2008. Morgan told the CBC that people involved in the judicial process have ties to political parties — comments he said were made strictly in a mayoral capacity.

In a decision released yesterday, a hearing committee for the Nova Scotia Bar-risters' Society found Morgan breached a number of his duties and obligations as a lawyer, including encouraging public respect for justice. However, it

agreed with Morgan's argument that the comments were made in a capacity as a mayor. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Max Demarco Smith is escorted from Dartmouth provincial court yesterday. Smith is charged with second-degree murder in the death of Casey Downey. Downey's body was found at a North Preston home on Sunday morning.

Accused in North Preston death in court

Police reveal little about murder

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A 24-year-old man accused of killing another inside a home in North Preston over the weekend appeared calm and relaxed as he was brought before a judge yesterday.

Max Demarco Smith did not speak during a very brief appearance in Dartmouth provincial court just before noontime. Dressed in a red and black sport jacket, he leaned back and stretched his arms across the defendant's bench as he was arraigned on charges of second-degree murder in connection with the death of 20-year-old Casey Marleen Downey.

Downey's body was discovered Sunday morning inside a large home on Downey Road after officers responded to a weapons call just before 6:30 a.m.

Police are not saying how he died, or where in the home his body was found.

In the hours that followed, investigators with the RCMP's major crime unit combed through the

Next appearance

- Smith has been remanded to the Burnside jail until his next court appearance, currently scheduled for Monday.

modern, three-storey building and interviewed several people who attended a party reportedly held there on Saturday night.

According to RCMP spokeswoman Const. Tamu Bracken, Smith turned himself into police just before noon on Tuesday. He was then questioned, said Bracken, and investigators felt there was "definitely enough evidence" to lay a single charge of second-degree murder.

Smith has one previous conviction on a charge of aggravated assault dating back to January 2008. At the time, he was given a conditional, 18-month sentence and required to wear an electronic ankle bracelet and follow a curfew.

No members of either the Smith or Downey families attended yesterday's court proceedings.

Jailed man faces new collision charges

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INVESTIGATION A 50-year-old man already in jail on charges from an alleged abduction at the Halifax airport last September is facing new charges stemming from a series of collisions in Halifax two weeks earlier.

Ross Nelson Garland, of no fixed address, is charged with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, theft under \$5,000, possession of stolen property and three counts of leaving the scene of an accident in relation to several accidents that took place minutes apart on the afternoon of Sept. 7 in north end Halifax.

The first incident occurred around Gottingen and Almon streets where one vehicle rear-ended another. Police then say the first vehicle left that scene and rear-ended another car turning onto Bloomfield Street.

Police say the driver fled that accident and struck a third vehicle travelling in the opposite direction on Agricola Street. There were no injuries and the driver fled the scene.

Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter said, "they had a suspect in mind early on" in their investigation, but it took time to piece everything together and get charges filed.

Garland is scheduled to appear in court on these charges Feb. 24.

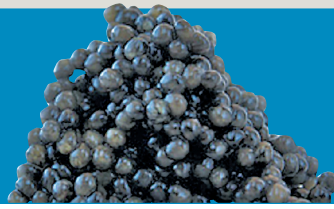
According to court records, Garland is also before the courts facing charges including robbery, forcible confinement, uttering threats and possession of a weapon stemming from an incident at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport on Sept. 16.

Police say a 41-year-old female victim was threatened near her vehicle inside the airport parkade and forced to withdraw money from her bank account during a three-hour ordeal that ended up in Truro.

Garland was arrested the next day by Codiac RCMP in New Brunswick and was charged with the various offences. He's back in court for this case on March 8 for election and plea.

Canada's veterans living in long-term care facilities will feel the love from across the country with the delivery of special valentines created by fellow Canadians. More than 20,000 valentines have been received by Veterans Affairs Canada for its annual Valentines for Vets program. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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PETA picks on premier

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has sent Premier Danny Williams, who is recovering from heart surgery, a vegan alternative to seal meat. PETA called it "veggie kelp caviar, which has the salty flavour of seal meat but none of the harmful fat." The premier's office called it a "crass" attempt to build support for PETA's anti-seal-hunt cause. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

U.S. store giants shun the oilsands

Two large U.S. retailers have announced they won't buy fuel derived from Alberta's oilsands as part of their efforts to fight climate change.

Organic food store Whole Foods and home furnishings chain Bed, Bath and Beyond are believed to be the first major private-sector companies to tell their fuel suppliers they don't want gasoline or diesel refined from crude oil coming from the oilsands.

Refining the oil emits significantly more carbon dioxide than the production of other fuels.

"We lead on issues," Whole Foods vice-president Michael Besancon said yesterday.

"That's what we do and it's what's expected of us," Whole Foods has 289 stores in three countries and more than a billion dollars in sales.

Bed, Bath and Beyond has more than 1,000 stores in the U.S. and Canada.

Its new policy states the company will prefer fuels

"We lead on issues. That's what we do and it's what's expected of us"

Michael Besancon, Whole Foods VP

with lower greenhouse gas emissions.

"Of current and particular concern," says the policy, "are fuels produced by refineries taking feedstocks from the Canadian tarsands."

Andrew Frank of the environmental group Forest Ethics, which worked with the two firms to get them to make the move, said he expects more businesses to make similar moves.

Any immediate impact on the amount of oilsands crude flowing to the U.S. will be less than minimal, however.

Besancon said only up to about 10 per cent of the fuel in his company's vehicles comes from the oilsands.

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The Syncrude oilsands mine facility near Fort McMurray, Alta.

It's not kid's stuff Flame's giant journey nears completion



Children cheer as the Olympic torch relay passes by in North Vancouver, B.C., yesterday. The Olympic flame is on a 106-day journey across Canada in the longest domestic torch relay in Olympic history. It will end with the lighting of the Olympic cauldron at the opening ceremonies for the Vancouver Winter Olympics tomorrow.

Harper goes for PR gold at Games

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

HAZARDS With the Games just a day away, Prime Minister Stephen Harper is preparing for an Olympic marathon — of speeches and photo ops.

Harper was here, there and everywhere in Vancouver yesterday, ending the day with a flag-raising at the athletes' village.

Today, he was scheduled to jump to Victoria for the first-ever speech by a prime minister to the B.C. legislature.

And the following evening, Harper will help officially open the Games at a glittering ceremony — kicking off 15 days of pho-



Stephen Harper: He's here, there and everywhere.

to ops for politicians of all stripes.

It's all about what pollsters call the "euphoric bounce."

If the country feels good about the Winter Games, chances are they'll feel good about the politicians.

Pursuit of that bounce,

however, can be as perilous as snowboarding at 70 kilometres an hour.

Ask former sports minister Otto Jelinek about the 1988 Games in Calgary.

"The good thing about the '88 Winter Olympics being over ... is that it means Sports Minister Ot-

to Jelinek won't be turning up in our living rooms every half hour," wrote one journalist.

Jelinek might have been forgiven for hoisting Elizabeth Manley aloft on national TV after she won a figure-skating silver medal. He was not.

Another journalist summed up the Calgary Games by describing Manley's performance as creating "yet another fawning attempt by Sports Minister Otto Jelinek to get his mug on camera."

Also, two Tory cabinet ministers had to be gently prodded to get out of the frame by news photographers aiming at speed-skater Clara Hughes.

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Stand tall, troops told

CRIME Canada's chief of defence staff told soldiers at CFB Trenton yesterday to stand tall and proud amid stunning allegations their base commander murdered two women.

Gen. Walter Natynczyk said it has been a tough two days since Col. Russell Williams was charged with first-degree murder

in the deaths of Jessica Lloyd and Cpl. Marie-France Comeau.

"We all feel this shock," Natynczyk said.

"We all have to step up. We have a duty."

Williams is also charged in two sexual assaults and will appear in court via video on Feb. 18.

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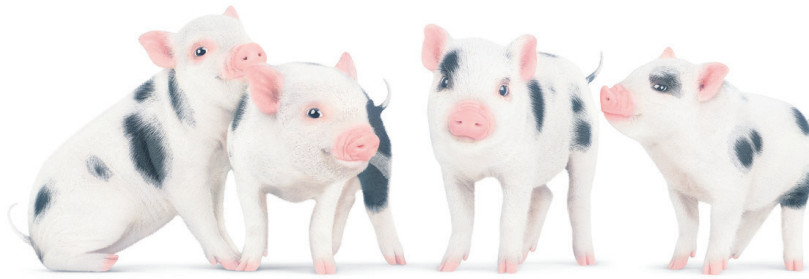
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World/Business

Another snowstorm hits U.S. East Coast

A second blizzard in a week swept up the U.S. East Coast yesterday, dumping historic snowfalls that shut down U.S. government offices and the United Nations in New York and paralyzed airports.

The storm dumped more than 25 centimetres of snow on parts of the Washington, D.C. area that already had been hit with about a metre of snow over the weekend. Nearby Baltimore reported record snowfall.

"It's hard to find anything in the history books of these types of storms back-to-back," said National Weather Service meteorologist Stephen Konarik.

The wind started blowing in gusts from 40 to 70 km/h in and around snow-bound Washington. Driving conditions got so bad that officials in Washington and nearby suburbs pulled plows off the roads.

New York, which avoided last week's blizzard,



Emily Tibbott skis past U.S. Capitol police officer Sean Whitehead as he stands guard on Capitol Hill in Washington yesterday. The second blizzard in a week struck the area yesterday.

was not so lucky yesterday. The National Weather Service issued blizzard warnings and predicted 25 to 40 centimetres of snowfall. Airlines cancelled hundreds of flights, and the city's 1.1 million students enjoyed a snow day — the third in six years.

Snow was falling from northern Virginia to Connecticut early yesterday after leaving the Midwest, where the storm was blamed for three traffic deaths in Michigan. In Chicago, a truck backed into and killed a 71-year-old woman.

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Strike over cuts brings Greece to a standstill

LABOUR A strike by civil servants shut schools and grounded flights across Greece yesterday, as unions challenged cuts aimed at ending a government debt crisis that has shaken the European Union.

Air traffic controllers, customs and tax officials, doctors and schoolteachers walked off the job for 24 hours to protest sweeping government spending cuts that will freeze salaries and new hiring, cut bonuses and stipends and in-

Economic action on the way?

Despite the strikes, markets reacted positively to indications that wealthy European countries are closer to rescuing Greece. Stocks in Europe

rose yesterday for the second day on expectations of decisive action to prevent a Greek debt default that could spread to other EU countries.

crease the average retirement age to 63.

The strike left state hospitals working with emergency staff only and disrupted national rail travel, although urban mass transport was unaffected.

"It's a war against workers and we will answer with war, with constant struggles until this policy is overturned," said Christos Katsiotis, a representative of a communist-party affiliated union. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Orphanage director dies a hero saving kids from fire that killed 11

BLAZE A South African orphanage director died a hero, rescuing nine children as their home burned, local media said yesterday.

The blaze on early Tuesday killed Sarah Holland, the founder of the Hope of Christ Home in KwaZulu-Natal province, along with two adults and eight children under the age of 15.

Holland, known as Granny, gathered the children into the only room without burglar bars, according to one of the children. "Granny passed us all the little babies," Zanele Nkosi, 11, said. "I gave the babies to my friend and we put them (on) one side and waited for others."

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Business

Autos added to recall

Honda Motor Co. is adding 437,000 vehicles to its 15-month old global recall for faulty airbags in the latest quality problem to hit a Japanese automaker.

The company will replace the driver's side air bag inflator in the cars because they can deploy with too much pressure, causing the inflator to rupture and hurt or kill the driver.

Japan's No. 2 automaker originally announced the recall to the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in November 2008 and the total of vehicles recalled since then is approaching 1 million.

The latest expansion of the airbag recall includes 378,000 cars in the U.S., some 41,000 cars in Canada and 17,000 cars in Japan, Australia and elsewhere in Asia. The North American recall was announced Tuesday and followed yesterday by the recall in Asia.

Honda's announcement comes at a time of increased attention on automotive recalls. Though the problems are unrelated, rival Toyota Motor Corp. is in the process of recalling more than 8 million cars and trucks due to faulty gas pedals. On Tuesday, Toyota said it would recall more than 440,000 of its flagship 2010 Prius and



In this October 2009 file photo, a visitor looks at a car in front of Honda Motor Co. headquarters in Tokyo, Japan. Honda Motor Co. says it is adding 17,000 more cars in Japan and elsewhere to an existing global recall for faulty airbags, bringing the latest round of recalls to 437,000.

other hybrids due to a braking glitch.

"There is a heightened sensitivity right now to anything to do with recalls," said John Mendel, executive vice-president of sales for American Honda.

One analyst suggested that Toyota's woes may

have lowered the bar for recalls, prompting automakers to announce full-fledged recalls for problems that would normally be handled during regular car inspections or service campaigns calling in cars at the owner's convenience. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Air Canada reports \$56M net loss in fourth quarter

AIRLINE Air Canada beat expectations yesterday by reporting that it lost \$56 million in the fourth quarter, a dramatic rise from the same period in 2008.

The quarterly loss at Canada's largest airline would have been even bigger if not for \$108 million in gains on foreign exchange. In the fourth quarter of 2008, the Montreal-based airline company had a net loss of \$727 million, including \$527 million in foreign exchange losses.

The latest quarterly net loss amounted to 25 cents per diluted share, compared with a loss of \$7.27 per share in the fourth quarter of 2008.

Excluding currency gains and a loss on assets, Air Canada lost 62 cents per share. Operating revenues dropped by \$150 million to \$2.35 billion from nearly \$2.5 billion in the same quarter of 2008.

Analysts had expected a loss of 69 cents on \$2.3 billion of revenue.

Revenue fell for a number of reasons, including less passenger travel, greater fare discounting and reduced fuel surcharges. Yield (revenues per passenger mile flown) from business travellers and other higher-fare customers decreased 7.2 per cent in the quarter.

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News in brief

MARJAH U.S. Marines fired smoke rounds yesterday and armoured vehicles manoeuvred close to Taliban positions to test insurgent defences ahead of an attack on the biggest militant-controlled town in southern Afghanistan. A NATO spokesman called on militants holding Marjah to surrender. But a Taliban spokesman boasted the militants were prepared to "sacrifice their lives" to defend the town. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Business in brief

PROFIT Bioniche Life Sciences Inc. recorded its first-ever quarterly profit at the end of 2009, boosted by revenues from a licensing agreement with an American firm. The biopharmaceutical company said yesterday its net and comprehensive income totalled \$2.7 million or four cents a share in the second quarter ended Dec. 31. That reversed year-earlier loss of \$2.4 million or four cents a share. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Comment

The perfect wedding: No frills needed

Relating

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I am fortunate enough to have many friends and an impossibly huge extended family. As a result, I have been to a LOT of weddings. Every wedding I've at-

tended has been special in its own way. But some stand out more than others.

If there were Olympics-style scoring in place for weddings, they would be ranked using the following criteria:

1. Company
2. Emotion
3. Quality of food
4. Overall memorability
5. A distinct lack of "The Chicken Dance"

I went to a wedding that scored off the charts this past weekend. The best part

was that I didn't even know it was happening.

My dear friend Lindsay invited family and close friends to celebrate her boyfriend Lee's birthday at a French bistro. The couple are expecting a baby next month and were making a big deal out of this particular birthday because, in Lee's words, it would be the last time they'd ever be seen in public.

Before the main course, Lee stood up to make a speech. He thanked every-

one for coming and casually announced that he and Lindsay had gotten married earlier that day.

The birthday celebration suddenly became something else.

It's a wedding that I will remember much more vividly than all of the evenings featuring taffeta, extravagant floral arrangements, smoke machines and cheesy DJs playing Kool and the Gang.

Because, this low-key affair had everything that

makes a wedding great: The wine flowed. The food was gorgeous. The bride looked beautiful in a black maternity dress that she scored for 50 per cent off and a string of pearls with sentimental value. The speeches were tearful and sincere. And most importantly, the couple were surrounded by 25 people who love them.

Days later, I still well up whenever I think about it. It was perfectly imperfect. It was the best wedding I have ever attended and I will re-

member it for as long as I live.

Those of you planning weddings might fall into the trap of mistaking frills for needs. It's not a competition. It's about doing it in a way that makes you happy and reflects your personalities. Get married the way you want (if you choose to get married at all) and it can't be anything but wonderful.

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Views

Half-baked arguments derailing feminism

BroadMinded

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I was riding the streetcar this week when I heard a woman in her early 20s loudly declare to her friend that she hated feminists. Naturally, I yanked off my headphones to hear the rest. "Feminists ruined everything," she insisted. When her friend pushed her to elaborate, she answered simply, "They killed chivalry."

I rolled my eyes and

popped my headphones back on. But I couldn't help reflecting on all the unusual attacks I've heard directed at feminists recently.

First, there was the blogger in Quebec whose terrifying blog — which celebrates Marc Lépine, the man behind the Montreal Massacre, as a "folk hero" — got him arrested for threatening women. (He was denied bail last week, but his blog is still up and the trial is expected to continue this month.)

Then there was the National Post editorial — seemingly out of the stone age, but actually published just a few weeks ago — that blamed women's studies programs for "untold dam-

age to families, our court systems, labour laws, constitutional freedoms and even the ordinary relations between men and women."

When compared to these two examples, the chivalry comment seems innocuous enough, and yet it offers a similarly half-baked argument. I didn't get involved in the conversation, but if I had, my irritated, I-haven't-had-my-coffee-yet-so-please-stop-your-nonsense-right-now reply would've sounded something like this:

Never mind the fact feminism won you your right to vote, your ability to get a mortgage without a husband co-signing and a hope in hell of maybe (and it's still a big maybe) making the

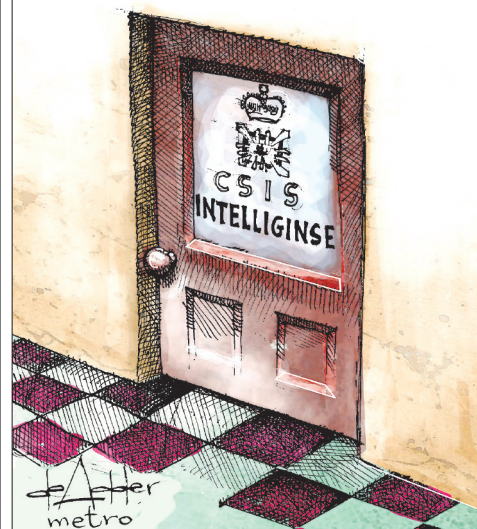
same salary a man makes — you're ticked off because it's reduced the number of old-school Prince Charmings in the world? Really?

The Oxford English Dictionary defines chivalry as "a man's courteous behaviour, esp. towards women."

There's nothing wrong with wanting to live in a world filled with men who are courageous, courteous and motivated by a sense of justice and honour. But don't you also want to live in a world where women are free to be the exact same things?

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Sports

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Haywood still dominant

Joey Haywood of the Saint Mary's Huskies men's basketball team is having one of Atlantic University Sport's best statistical seasons in recent memory. The second-year guard has an AUS-leading 24.4 points per game, the best since Memorial's Jeff Saxby averaged 23.4 in 2001-02. **METRO HALIFAX**

Desjardins provides heroics

Winger's shootout goal gives Mooseheads 5-4 win over Rocket

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For a guy who has been snake-bitten all season, Gabriel Desjardins looked like an established sniper in lifting the Halifax Mooseheads to a shootout win last night.

After assisting on Tomas Knotek's game-tying goal, the 17-year-old winger scored the lone shootout marker on a nifty deke to his backhand and lifted the Mooseheads to a 5-4 win in QMJHL action before a crowd of 4,559 at the Metro Centre.

P.E.I. goalie Wendell Vye had no chance on the slick move that even caught Desjardins' teammates off-guard.

"Usually he always shoots ... And he doesn't look where he shoots," joked Pascal Amyot. "I was pretty surprised to see him dangling, but maybe he should do that more often ... because it worked out pretty well for him."

Desjardins' heroics not only gave the Herd a victory in a game they probably didn't deserve, they highlighted the sophomore's outstanding play since the holiday break.

Pegged as a potential



Mooseheads forward Gabriel Desjardins swoops in on PEI Rocket goalie Wendell Vye as he scores the shootout winner during last night's QMJHL game at the Metro Centre. The Moose won the game 5-4.

breakout player after a 25-point campaign that earned him Mooseheads' rookie-of-the-year honours, Desjardins had just seven points in his first 38 games. But he has 14 in his past 21 and has revived his game.

"After a good first year I came back shaky," the

Montreal native said.

"But after Christmas, I've gotten better every game. I came ready, coach gave me a chance, and I took it."

The Mooseheads had a 3-1 lead in the second period after Brent Andrews, Linden Bahm and Knotek beat Vye three times on nine

shots. But Jordan Escott scored twice in 20 seconds late in the frame to tie it and Benjamin Casavant put the Rocket up 4-3 in the third before Knotek tied it at 16:40.

Halifax only had 13 shots midway through the third, but they matched that the rest of the way to

Clarke scratched

Garrett Clarke isn't out of the doghouse yet. The Halifax Mooseheads defenceman was a healthy scratch last night as head coach and general manager Cam Russell continued to punish him for a lack of discipline. Clarke was also benched for the second half of Saturday's home win over the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles. The 17-year-old is the team's most productive defenceman, with five goals and 15 assists in 36 games.

finish with 26 to P.E.I.'s 35 in a game that almost got away from them.

"We got lucky," said Amyot. "We have to play better than that."

Goalie Peter Delmas stopped all four shootout attempts as the Mooseheads improved to 13-37-5. They head on the road against the Rimouski Oceanic on Saturday and Sunday.

For more Mooseheads coverage visit Matthew Wuest's Q Files blog at www.metronews.ca/qfiles.

Moose put plans to host draft on hold

DRAFT The Halifax Mooseheads want to host the 2012 Memorial Cup, but are no longer chasing the 2011 QMJHL draft.

Mooseheads owner Bobby Smith said this week hosting the draft isn't an option because of scheduling conflicts at the Metro Centre. He had told Metro last June he wanted to host the draft in 2011 for the first time in franchise history.

"We'd love to host it, but it's been hard," Smith said. "We have one of the busier rinks in the league. If we could find a time when our rink wasn't booked, we'd apply for it."

The draft, which is essentially a miniature version of the NHL's, is typically held the first weekend of June. The economic impact for the host city is estimated at \$2 million.

The Drummondville Voltigeurs are hosting the 2010 draft in June for the second time in four years. There is a good probability Halifax will have the No. 1 or 2 overall pick in 2010 for the first time since the franchise's expansion year.

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Ryan's Lions entering uncharted territory

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MJHL For the first time in three years, Halifax has a junior A team making a legitimate push for the playoffs.

The Halifax Lions, tied for third in the Bent Division with a 19-19-4 record, are entering uncharted territory as the Maritime Junior A Hockey League season winds down.

Not only are the Lions inching closer to bringing playoff hockey back to the Forum, they have already surpassed their combined win total of just 16 from the past two seasons.

"We're getting there," said Troy Ryan, who took over as the Lions' head coach and general manag-

er last summer. "We still have a long way to go. But to be in the position we are, we've got to take the small successes and enjoy them."

The last Halifax-based team to make the playoffs was the Wolverines in 2006-07. They missed the playoffs in 2007-08 before moving to Bridgewater, while the Lions didn't make the cut in 2008-09 after relocating from Antigonish.

The Lions, who host the Yarmouth Mariners tonight at 7:30 p.m., have eight games to go and can clinch a playoff spot by finishing in the top three. If

they finish fourth or fifth, they'll need to go through a best-of-three play-in series.

The Lions and Bridgewater Lumberjacks each have a four-point edge on the fifth-place Amherst Ramblers.

Ryan said the Lions have reestablished themselves and strengthened their reputation by graduating four players — Andrew Wigginton, Bradley MacDonald, Stephen Woodworth and Ian Saab — to the QMJHL this season.

"It's about developing guys to get to a higher level and it shows we're not a dead-end for players," Ryan said. "Next year, with our track record, I can't imagine having difficulty convincing 16- and 17-year-old kids to join our program."



Troy Ryan

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Rangers leading scorer Marian Gaborik missed New York's game against Nashville last night because of a cut on his right leg caused by the skate of teammate Henrik Lundqvist one day earlier in practice. Gaborik was ruled out by Rangers coach John Tortorella about two hours before game time. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Raptors hold off late surge by 76ers

NBA RESULTS

76ers 93 Raptors 104



The Toronto Raptors won their eighth in a row at home last night, surviving a furious fourth-quarter comeback from Philadelphia to beat the 76ers 104-93.

Chris Bosh led the Raptors with 23 points and 12 rebounds, while Andrea Bargnani added 16, including an important late three-pointer.

Sonny Weems and DeMar DeRozan each scored 14 points for Toronto (29-23).

Louis Williams scored 26 points for the 76ers, including 14 in the fourth quarter. Thaddeus Young added 15

for Philadelphia.

The 76ers (20-32), winners of five in a row coming in, trailed by as many as 23 in the third quarter and entered the fourth down by 15.

They cut the lead to five points when Elton Brand made two free throws to make it 86-81 with 5:20 to play.

Williams hit a three-pointer with 3:45 to play and scored on a driving lay-up with 3:18 left to pull the 76ers to within four at 90-86.

After Bargnani made one of two free throws, Williams hit another three with 2:52 left to cut the lead to 91-89. Bosh hit two free throws, but Williams again cut the lead to two and Young tied it at 93-93 with 2:06 to go.

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Sports in brief

BASEBALL A source requesting anonymity says the Atlanta Braves have made an offer to free agent outfielder Johnny Damon. Atlanta's offer is believed to be for one year and include deferred money. Damon's agent, Scott Boras, has said he is seeking at least a two-year deal.

SOCCER Chelsea crashed to a 2-1 loss at Everton yesterday and saw its Premier League lead trimmed to a point by Manchester United, which drew 1-1 with Aston Villa. Arsenal closed the gap on Chelsea to seven points as Abou Diaby's second-half

strike clinched a 1-0 victory over Liverpool.

CFL Andre Talbot and fellow Canadian receiver Brad Smith were traded by the Toronto Argonauts to the Edmonton Eskimos yesterday for import defensive tackle Eric Taylor and a conditional pick in the 2011 draft.

BOXING Canadian Steve (The Canadian Kid) Molitor is getting a chance to regain the IBF junior featherweight boxing title March 27 at Rumble at Rama XI. Molitor will go to the ring against South African Takalani Ndlovu for the vacant title.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Habs end Caps' win streak

NHL RESULTS

Capitals 5 Habs 6 (OT)



Tomas Plekanec scored his second of the night at 4:52 of overtime last night as the Montreal Canadiens snapped the Washington Capitals' 14-winning streak with a 6-5 victory, despite blowing a three-goal third-period lead.

Scott Gomez, Tom Pyatt, Maxim Lapierre and Glen Metropolit also scored for the Canadiens (29-26-6), who won the season series against the powerhouse Capitals (41-13-6) with a 2-1-1 record.

Carey Price, making his first start since Jan. 27, made 33 saves for the Canadiens to win for only the third time in his last 12 starts.

Brooks Laich scored three times for the Capitals, including one with 18.4 seconds to play in regulation, as Washington fought back from a 5-2 deficit to force overtime.



Montreal Canadian Tomas Plekanec, centre, is congratulated by teammates Roman Hamrlik and Sergei Kostitsyn after scoring the winning goal against the Washington Capitals last night.

Nicklas Backstrom and Mike Green also scored for the Capitals, who came within a game of tying the second-longest winning streak in NHL history.

Rookie Michal Neuvirth got the start in goal for Washington but was re-

moved with an apparent injury with the score tied 2-2 at 6:11 of the second. Former Canadiens netminder Jose Theodore came on in relief and saw his own personal streak of 10 straight wins come to an end, allowing four goals on 25 shots.

Washington had been dominant since last suffering a loss on Jan. 12 in Tampa Bay, outscoring the opposition 67-33 over the 14 wins since.

The injury-riddled Canadiens — with a lineup featuring five players who were in the American Hockey League last month — were up to the challenge of facing the league's hottest team, scoring four goals in the second period to take a 5-2 lead.

There was a scary moment with just over 10 seconds to play in the first when a Green slapshot struck Canadiens defenceman Josh Gorges in the back of the head. Gorges lay motionless on the ice for several minutes but left under his own power.

He was not taken to hospital, but did not return.

"The puck got him right in the helmet, you can see the indentation of the puck in the helmet," said Canadiens GM Pierre Gauthier between the second and third period. "He's very lucky. But he's OK, he was chatting with the guys."

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Ovechkin already Olympic trash talking, teammates say

LOCKER ROOM TALK With only a few days to go before the start of the Olympic hockey tournament, Russia's Alexander Ovechkin says he's not thinking about it yet. Nor has he begun engaging in some friendly trash talking with his Swedish, Czech, Canadian or American teammates on the Washington Capitals, he claims.

"No, not yet," Ovechkin said yesterday prior to the Capitals game against the Montreal Canadiens. "After (our last) couple of games, (then) we're going to talk about it."

But Ovechkin's friend, linemate and Olympic rival Nicklas Backstrom of Sweden tells a different story. "There's a bit of trash talk going on," Backstrom said.

"But nothing that big."

Ovechkin will be joined on the Russian team in Vancouver by his Capitals teammates Alexander Semin and Semyon Varlamov, with Backstrom and Tomas Fleischmann of the Czech Republic rounding out Washington's list of five Olympians.

But even though Ovechkin insisted he wasn't doing any trash talking, he betrayed his own words only a few minutes after saying them.

When asked about the 14-game win streak the Capitals were riding into Montreal and whether he had ever been on a similar run at any other level of hockey, Ovechkin didn't have to think very long to come up with a snarky answer.

"World championships, probably, when we beat Canada," he said with a big, gap-toothed smile going from ear to ear, before adding, "in the final."

That would be the 2008 world championships in Quebec City, when Ovechkin had 12 points in nine games to help Russia take the gold medal with a

5-4 overtime win over Canada in the final.

Ovechkin famously dug out the "lucky loonie" from centre ice after the game and gave it to Russian teammate Ilya Nikulin, who cut it in two and made two necklaces out of the souvenir.

Capitals defenceman Mike Green, who was on the losing Canadian team in that game, says Ovechkin's jewellery still makes an appearance from time to time.

"He rubs it in our face and says that he's coming and this and that," Green said with a shrug. "Whatever."

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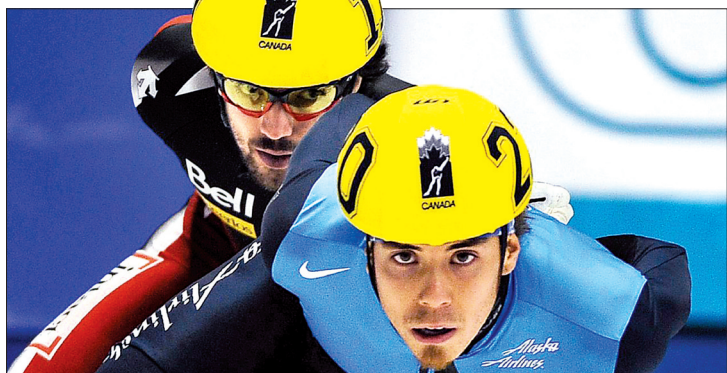
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Carter would replace Getzlaf: Source

Jeff Carter will take Ryan Getzlaf's spot on Team Canada if the Anaheim Ducks centre is unable to play because of injury, a source told The Canadian Press yesterday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Vancouver Games

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Charles Hamelin, left, moves up on Apolo Anton Ohno during the final of the men's 1000-metre event at the short-track speedskating ISU World Cup in Montreal on Nov. 8.

Showdown on the short track

Bring up the name of celebrity skater Apolo Anton Ohno with members of Canada's short-track speedskating team and they will provide no shortage of opinions.

This is clearly someone they've spent time thinking about.

Ohno, who goes into the Vancouver Games threatening to become the most decorated American Winter Olympian in history, will be competing directly with Canadian star Charles Hamelin for medals.

That makes for a spirit of grudging respect and subtle hostility towards Ohno, a five-time Olympic medalist with a Hollywood attitude, in the Canadian camp.

"He's all right, he's been better," Canadian speedskater Olivier Jean said nonchalantly.

"He's a skater who really knows the game and is always well placed and has excellent strategies, with a lot of experience, but he's not as dominant physically now compared with the other athletes."

Ohno and Hamelin are rivals, but the two couldn't be more different — at least on the surface.

"Charles is less of a showman, less pretentious, less arrogant," said medal favourite Kalyna Roberge of her teammate.

Ohno is competing at his third Games at age 27. He is one of the best-known amateur athletes in the world, an entertainer whose hip-hop freestyle and paso doble famously took him to

the top on the TV show *Dancing with the Stars*. Requests for interviews with Ohno must go through his agent, rather than US Speedskating.

Hamelin, 25, has become a star in his native Quebec, but remains slightly shy and intensely focused. After Hamelin and his teammates were eclipsed by Ohno's star power at a 2008 world cup competition in Vancou-

ver, they've worked on raising the profile of the Canadian athletes in time for the Games.

"(Charles) is more discreet, more Quebecois," team leader Yves Hamelin said of his son. "It's harder for him to play a role. He's very available, he's going to give back a lot to the sport, and as much to the media as to his sponsors."

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Injury may keep Vonn out of Games

SKIING Lindsey Vonn is worried a badly bruised right shin will keep her out of the Vancouver Olympics, a startling announcement so close to the start of an event shaping up as a showcase for the U.S. skiing star.

Vonn revealed yesterday that she was injured in a slalom training run Feb. 2 during a pre-Olympic practice in Austria. It was her first trip down the slopes of what was supposed to be three days of practice.

"I'm sitting here today questioning whether, you know, I'll be even able to ski," Vonn said at a news conference. "I have to play it by ear."

As a two-time reigning overall World Cup champion, the 25-year-old who lives and trains in Vail, Colo., has been considered a contender to win multiple medals.



"I'm sitting here today questioning whether, you know, I'll be even able to ski."

Lindsey Vonn

Asked whether she could be forced to sit out altogether, Vonn replied: "Yeah, that's a possibility."

She hasn't skied since getting hurt and said it's even been painful to simply put on a pair of ski boots in her hotel room to test the leg.

Vonn said the bruising covers about a 15-centimetre swath of her lower right leg — starting from where the top of a boot rests against her body — but she refused to get any X-rays to check whether she broke a bone because she didn't want to know.

"It's probably the worst

place that you can have an injury, because you're constantly pushing against your boot, and there's no way around it," Vonn said.

She described her mindset as "very emotional, very scared. Not the positive way you want to be starting the Olympics."

The first women's alpine race is the super-combined on Sunday. Vonn said she figures she will know a lot more about her status for the Olympics once she takes a run down the slope at Whistler Mountain. The first official training run for women is today.

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Simple solutions for cleaning up

They are the cleaning jobs around the house that can drive even the most ardent neat freak a bit batty — the vase you can't properly wash or the tile grout that isn't as fresh-looking as it once was.

In Real Simple Solutions, the editors of Real Simple magazine are sharing some of their wisdoms, tricks and easy ideas to not only take the elbow grease out of cleaning, but also

simplify everyday life using products you already have around the house.

Among their advice is how to use an everyday fabric-softener sheet for more than just preventing dryer cling:

DRAWER SCENTER If fabric-softener sheets make your clothes smell nice in the dryer, just think what they could do in your dresser. Slip a few fresh ones be-

tween folded clothes.

THREAD DETANGLER To stop thread from twisting and knotting up, run the threaded needle through a fabric-softener sheet before starting to sew.

BOOK DEODORIZER Prevent your beloved old volumes from acquiring a musty smell by inserting a fabric-softener sheet between the pages.

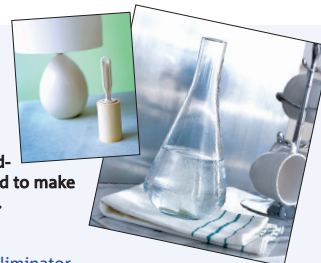
SHOE FRESHENER: Sadly, shoes don't keep that just-purchased scent past one or two wearings. Place rolled-up sheets in the toes to control odor.

SAWDUST CLEANER: For wiping up sawdust after drilling, you need something that can grab the fine particles. A used fabric-softener sheet will do the trick.

SCUM BUSTER: Remove obstinate soap buildup from glass shower doors by sprinkling a few drops of water onto a used fabric-softener sheet and scrubbing.

CLING COMBATANT: When static attacks, pat yourself down with a fabric-softener sheet to get rid of the electricity

Here are some other Real Simple Solutions hints on how easily-found household products can be used to make cleaning easier.



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Ramp up the romance

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Valentine's Day can often be expensive to celebrate but frugal lovebirds shouldn't have to feel left

out — after all, it's usually the thought that counts.

Instead of feeling compelled to drop a lot of money on the looming V-Day, why not ramp up the romance with a few low-cost options that show off how

strong your feelings are rather than how big your wallet is?

Be early

Celebrating a day before will let you do just about anything you'd normally do on Valentine's Day, but without paying the dreaded V-Day premium, and you won't have to deal with swarms of couples battling eyes (or throwing drinks) at each other.

Take that moonlight cruise or check out that stage show you've been thinking about without having to pay double for it — and then have a great bouquet of flowers arrive on the actual day.

Stay in

A lovingly prepared home-cooked meal can really impress your sweetheart for a

fraction of the cost of a restaurant meal while being much more intimate and romantic.

Pick your own mood music, light some candles and deck out the table with rose petals and your favourite wine — it's easy to enjoy something you already like. Google around for some recipe ideas or check out cookingnook.com for some great options.

Be creative

Meals happen all the time, but how often do you get to show off your touching, creative side? A thoughtful poem, song or portrait can be a great keepsake and a testament to your feelings.

Remember, keep the humour romantic and charming, and finish strong.

For those less creative



If you're planning a romantic date at home, light some candles and deck out the table with rose petals and your favourite wine.

Valentine's Day DIY

Here are some more ultra-cheap, ultra-romantic options for Valentine's Day:

- Make a special care package with all the favourite things your sweetheart loves, no matter how small or funny. Noticing the little things will get you massive brownie points.

- Write up some "love coupons" to give to them which entitle them to a ro-

mantic dinner, massage or perhaps much more any time they'd want.

- Set up your home like a romantic spa, with candles and a bubble bath for two.

- Leave secret love notes — ideally with something sweet attached for your lover to enjoy — all around the home, inside their car or stuck to the bathroom mirror.

types, you can buy a personalized Valentine's Day song from sites like giftsongs.com — just plug in your loved one's name and a few details like their eye colour, and so on, and let the professional singers do the rest, all for about \$50.

Face time for long distances

If you're away from your loved one on V-Day, hooking up on a video chat can be a great way to reconnect and proclaim your

love, as well as sending a video. YouTube is offering links to a string of cute, user-made Valentine's videos, or you can take one yourself and send it directly to your sweetheart.

"One of the really nice things about online video is it lets you feel connected to the people you fell closest to emotionally — even when you're not close to them geographically," said Google Canada spokesperson Tamara Micner.

How to spend your day in HRM

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax



From a whimsical look at a collapsing midlife marriage to a drag queen and king competition, Halifax pretty much covers the spectrum of ways to spend your Valentine's Day.

Neptune Theatre's **Dirty Laundry** (Neptunetheatre.com, 429-7070) tells the story of Alice and Henry, a couple married for 25 years. Alice thinks it might be coming to an end, so she books a dirty weekend at a swank hotel with a copy of *Sex for Dummies*

in an attempt to resuscitate their beating hearts.

At the MSVU Art Gallery (msvuart.ca), Diane Landry will get your heart going with **The Defibrillators**. Inspired by gestures and objects that make up our daily existence, the Quebec artist brings her sculptures to the city until March 14.

If roses and drama aren't your thing, head to the Metro Centre at 4 p.m. on Valentine's Day to watch the **Halifax Rainmen** take on the Manchester Millrats (Rainmenbasketball.ca).

Valentine's Day is also **Pink Triangle Day**, originally declared to mark a major

legal victory for gay and lesbian people in Canada. Join the festivities this year with a wine, cheese and fruit celebration at Menz Bar from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and then head to Reflections (Reflectionscabaret.com) starting at 10 p.m. for the King and Queen of Hearts Pageant, where the city's drag queens and kings will vie for the crown.

For a bit of heat, check out **Maria Osende Flamenco** at FRED nightly from Feb. 12-14. The celebrated Spaniard's dance is a "romantic voyage to the feverish heat of Spain." Go to Mariaosende.com for more.

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Celebrate your singlehood

RICHARD WOODBURY
for Metro Halifax

Just because you're single, it doesn't mean you have to go into hiding on Valentine's Day weekend. There are lots of events to attend and things you can do to have a great weekend.

How can you go wrong

by spending time with dogs? The **Halifax Kennel Club Championship Dog Show** will be at Exhibition Park on Saturday and Sunday.

"If you love dogs, this is the place to be the week-end of Feb. 13 and Feb. 14," says Mark Grant with the Halifax Kennel Club.

"It's a fun event," he

said. "There's lots to do and lots to see."

With more than 500 dogs expected, it will probably be the cutest place in the city on that weekend.

"You can come in by yourself, meet lots of people, meet dogs and fellow dog owners," says Grant.

Admission is \$3 for

adults and there will also be 40 vendors on site.

But if you're looking for a laugh, check out some stand-up comedy. Award-winning comedian **Nathan Macintosh** will be at Joker's Comedy Club until Saturday. Cover is \$10 for tonight's show, but \$15 for the shows tomorrow night and Saturday.

If you're a sports fan, the almost-league leading **Halifax Rainmen** will be host-



If you're single, Valentine's Day doesn't have to be a lonely day.

ing the Manchester Millrats on Valentine's Day at the Halifax Metro Centre.

Ticket prices vary.

Perhaps most importantly, use the weekend as an opportunity to show your friends and family what they mean to you.

"There's so much pressure to find someone to spend Valentine's Day with that a lot of people — if they are single — just find it (to be) a very lonely day," says 23-year-old Jen Dubé from Dartmouth. "It doesn't have to be about flowers and candy and all that, it can just be about letting the people you love ... know it."

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- 3 Have a guilty pleasure movie marathon.
- 4 Paint the town red with some friends.
- 5 Don't shower.

— RICHARD WOODBURY

Advice for the procrastinator

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Canada

So Valentine's Day is here and, yet again, you've forgotten beforehand to buy flowers or arrange to have them delivered. Fret not, you shameless procrastinator, all is not lost.

Short of painstakingly growing your own flowers in a backyard greenhouse and plucking the choicest ones on the day itself for your sweetheart (which, undoubtedly, is a very roman-

tic option), most of us will have to settle for the store-bought variety.

The first thing to remember is that many florists know just how close you like to cut things, and as a result do offer same-day delivery on Valentine's Day, albeit for a higher price given the demand.

Get that phone charged up and start calling your local florists (or start Googling "massive apology" if you come up short). Pickings will get slimmer as time nears the evening on V-Day

regardless though, so get moving as early as possible.

Consider other flowers, or even plants, instead of roses. Marketers have promoted roses as the de-facto floral choice for Valentine's Day, but there's no reason any other flower can't proclaim love just as well.

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Reservations for two?

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for Metro Halifax

There's nothing like a great meal on Valentine's Day to enjoy with your sweetheart, but if you're unsure about where to go, here are a few options.

Under \$50

If organic, macrobiotic and locally grown fresh ingredients are what you would like to eat, head to the Wooden Monkey. Assistant floor manager Adam Savelle says it's possible to have a meal for two along with some appetizers for under \$50, but the purchase of alcohol will push that over the \$50 hump. There aren't any special packages planned for Valentine's Day, but those without reservations can stop by at the last minute.

Under \$100

If you're looking to keep the bill under \$100, the Five Fishermen is offering a prix-fixe option for \$40, which includes the mussel bar, salad bar, and the



Options abound for romantic dinner spots in Halifax.

choice of a main course and dessert.

"It is really a good deal for the three courses," says Francine Deschepper of the Five Fishermen.

You may also want to consider a Valentine's Day Dinner (scheduled for Saturday) at Hatfield Farm. For \$40 per person, enjoy a candlelit dinner by two stone fireplaces in the

main lodge. The meal options are a 10 oz. striploin steak or a baked Atlantic salmon dinner with sides and a dessert.

"We'll have music playing in all areas and we have a dance floor, so like my co-worker says, 'We'll be playing some good old slow April Tunes,'" says Roberta Courtney of Hatfield Farm.

At Chive's Canadian Bistro, co-owner Darren Lewis says space is already very limited for Valentine's Day. Lewis hasn't worked out the exact details of the Valentine's Day special because it will depend on what Chives can get in season from its suppliers, but he says the prix-fixe dinner special should be \$39.95 per person and will include soup, salad, dessert and a choice of a main course.

Splurge

For those thinking about spending more than \$100, consider heading to the Stonehenge Lodge and Chalets in Scotsburn for an evening away.

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A celeb favourite

Marchesa proves a bona fide fashion house

Marchesa is a glamorous, movie-star fashion house. Its specialty is the show-stopping red carpet dresses you're likely to see on Kate Hudson, Sienna Miller or Annie, known to the rest of us as Anne Hathaway.

The gowns seem a perfect complement to the label's co-founders, Georgina Chapman and Keren Craig, two Brits-turned-New Yorkers who fit nicely into the glitzy fabric of the fashion world, clinking champagne glasses with the A-list of editors, stylists and models who'll attend the Marchesa preview at New York Fashion Week, which starts today. Creative director Chapman is even married to film producer-mogul Harvey Weinstein.

So it would seem that Marchesa had potential to become a vanity project like some other celebrity-socialite collections, most of which have come and gone. Marchesa has more going for it, though, not the least of which is the passion and skill of Chapman and Craig.

The duo had known each other when they were students at Chelsea College of Art and Design in London and talked about having their own collection, probably loungewear.

But as Chapman earned her degree in costume design and Craig in textiles, their plan drifted. How-

ever, after working as a both a model and behind-the-scenes costumer, Chapman decided she wanted to be her own boss. They rekindled their friendship and — just like that — Marchesa was born in 2004, except they had nothing really to sell and definitely no business model.

They did have an invitation to a "smart party," though, Chapman says, and they decided to wear their own designs. Chapman wore a backless sari dress that caught the eye of the late influential fashion editor Isabella Blow, who had a reputation for finding young talent.

Blow asked if she could borrow the dress to wear to the Paris runway shows. Blow also was the one who recommended they stick with eveningwear.

"Once we started, we had so much fun," says Chapman. And, with Marchesa Luisa Casati, the

eccentric European style chameleon, as their muse, a vision of a unique brand was emerging.

It was good, if coincidental, timing that their gowns, all one-of-a-kind, started making the rounds to Hollywood stylists just as the weekly celebrity magazines exploded into a huge force in fashion. "We saw the red carpets and saw them as an amazing marketing tool," Chapman says. So they'd carry big suitcases back and forth to Los Angeles.

The buzz started when Renée Zellweger wore a red Marchesa dress to a high-wattage premiere, and it's been one star after another, including Rihanna in a

laser-cut leather number and Cameron Diaz in a micro-mini modern tuxedo style.

"Celebrities are drawn to Marchesa because the dresses are ultra-feminine and beautifully made," says Cindy Weber Cleary, InStyle magazine's fashion director.

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These September 2009 file photos show models wearing spring 2010 gowns by Marchesa during Fashion Week in New York.

New York Fashion Week begins today and runs until Feb. 18

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Lady in red

A shade sure to electrify your wardrobe

SOFI PAPAMARKO
for Metro Canada



This month, we'll be seeing red. A lot of it. And it won't just be in the form of Valentines, cinnamon hearts and cellophane-wrapped bouquets.

Forward-thinking fashionistas are embracing red during this — the blah-est — time of year. Metro spoke with two of Canada's foremost fashion experts to find out why red is so hot this season.

"Red is always hot," says Lisa Tant, editor-in-chief of Flare magazine. "It feels particularly 'right' now because it gives off a burst of energy and passion at a dull time of year. It's also a classic look that is appropriate for any age and skin tone."

What if you want to wear red, but you're low on green?



Anne Klein
slingback
(\$125, The Bay)

"It's a smart investment when budgets are tight because it electrifies all of the basics in your wardrobe," says Tant.

Anita Clarke, editor and founder of Toronto-based fashion blog I Want I Got, has some tips on how to best wear red:

"Pay close attention to fit," she advises. "Red gowns are truly dramatic but cocktail dresses can be more fun and playful. For either style, I would wear a dress that has (few) details ... the colour and a clean silhouette should be the focus of the outfit. I like



Scarf
(\$15.90),
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minimal accessories in a neutral colour, with black being my default."

If you're not a woman who feels comfortable in head-to-toe red, the vibrant hue also makes a great accent colour. If a crimson gown is not your scene, try accessorizing a dark wool coat or black dress with a carmine purse, scarlet scarf or maybe even a raspberry beret.



Take a cue from the celebs and embrace red during this blah time of year. Pictured: singer Taylor Swift.



Red satin dress
(\$139.95), Le Chateau



Necklace
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Wallet clutch
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Anne Klein
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Add a little *rouge* to your home

Just like red accessories add drama to an outfit, red home accents heat up a room instantly



"Red is a strong, passionate colour and the Voluspa Goji Berry collection ... combines the perfect blend of a beautiful red, Japanese floral motif with an elegant fragrance in a clean-burning artisan candle."

Will Moskal, Public Relations Coordinator, Indigo Books

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Colleen Uncao, Public Relations Manager, Winners Merchants International



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Felton sees Apparition

Tom Felton is teaming up with Ashley Greene for a ghostly new movie. The British actor, best known for playing villainous Draco Malfoy in the wizard films, has signed up to star in spooky story *The Apparition*, about a young couple haunted by a supernatural presence unleashed during a college experiment. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

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New Mission

Paramount has confirmed a report from DeadlineHollywood.com that Tom Cruise is attached to star in *Mission Impossible IV*. He will also produce the film, which is to open in 2011. **EW.COM**

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★★★★★ A CLASSIC; ★★★★★ EXCELLENT; ★★★ GOOD; ★★ FAIR; ★ POOR

Sade still the ultimate in cool

Sade

Album: *Soldier of Love*

Label: Epic/Sony

Rating: ★★★★★

SADE'S SMOOTH OPERATOR personified "cool" in the mid-'80s. Twenty five years later, Sade still is still the ultimate in cool, despite the rather obvious military-style drumming on the title track, *Soldier of Love*. Indeed, it's amazing how little Sade's sound has changed in all that time. Long and lingering vocals stretched out over a snail's pace with an occasional flash of more-than competent musicianship. Lyrical, however, the uber confidence of *Smooth Operator* has been replaced by mid-life regrets, doubts and outright tears. But it all comes together — strings, horns and all — on the exquisitely paced track *In Another Time*.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Yeasayer

Album: *Odd Blood*

Label: Secretly Canadian

Rating: ★★★★★

DON'T BE FOOLED by the first track off Yeasayer's latest disc —



the haunting, crunchy sounds and deep, crunk-like vocals is a trick. If you can get past that sludgy (though intriguing) tune, you'll discover a world of beautiful electro pop. Ambling *Alp* is a gorgeous, even inspirational tune ("stick up for yourself son," goes the chorus), while the others songs are thickly layered with electronic instrumentation, rich harmonies, some Graceland-like beats and a lot more. There's rarely a dull second on this fantastic, thought-provoking disc.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

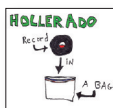
Hollerado

Album: *Record in a Bag*

Label: Royal Mountain Records

Rating: ★★★★★

SOUND-GARDEN'S RE-UNITING, flannel's back in vogue and people are throwing '90s parties, so naturally a band that sounds like it came straight out of the 20th century's last decade is getting a lot of buzz. At least Toronto's Hollerado deserves much of the hype — their Weezer-meets-Strokes-in-a-bar-on-the-East-Coast vibe is extremely catchy. The tracks are all upbeat and fun — an excellent combo for a debut disc like this. They still have some work to do; Fake



Drugs sounds too much like Rivers Cuomo, and other songs are lacking in parts, but these guys are on to something.

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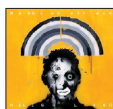
Massive Attack

Album: *Heligoland*

Label: Virgin/EMI

Rating: ★★★★★

TWO YEARS AGO Portishead reinvented themselves and left trip-hop behind them. After seven years since their last album, *Massive Attack* are



trying to do the same. Heligoland finds co-founding member Daddy G re-joining mainstay 3-D, but unfortunately this reunion is more 100th Window than Blue Lines. The first half of Heligoland drags like a corpse, with lacklustre vocal turns and beats that expired in the '90s. But Heligoland is a bottom-heavy listen. Guests Guy Garvey and Hope Sandoval resuscitate the flow in the second half with their contributions, while Damon Albarn's *Saturday Comes Slow* is the kind of sparkling dirge that can realign *Massive Attack* with their one-time peers.

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada

Midlake

Album: *The Courage of Others*

Label: Bella Union

Rating: ★★★★★

MIDLAKE HAS-N'T MADE it a secret that the follow-up to their critically acclaimed *Trials of Van Occupanther* would be a pretty big departure for the band. And they were right. *The Courage of Others* is a slow, haunting record that takes a page out of '60s British folk. The Grizzly Bear-like sounds from their last disc



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aren't gone — they just appear in a different light. The album isn't as immediately inviting as *Van Occupanther*, but it does get less confusing and more accessible with each listen.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

The Hot Rats

Album: *Turn Ons*

Label: Fat Possum

Rating: ★★★★★

WHILE WAITING FOR their bassist Mickey to recover from a broken back, Danny and Gaz from Supergrass became a duo under the name *The Hot Rats*. Recorded with Radiohead producer Nigel Godrich, *Turn Ons* is an album of covers, which as the title suggests is 12 personal favourites spanning the last 40 years. Taking on everyone from Bowie to The Cure, Gaz and Danny apply their Supergrass template and come out with some fresh perspectives, like a space-rock spin on the Beastie Boys' *Fight For Your Right*. The result is a dozen rave-ups catered for both classic rock and Britpop enthusiasts alike.

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Oscar-winning actor Louis Gossett Jr. has been diagnosed with prostate cancer, the actor announced on Tuesday. The 72-year-old won an Oscar in 1982 for his role in *An Officer and a Gentleman*. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Percy Jackson is a kid with an epic secret

It's a tough task launching a CGI-packed adventure only weeks after animation spectacular *Avatar* becomes the biggest grossing movie ever.

Even if the director is Harry Potter heavy weight Chris Columbus.

But Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, has a secret weapon: Logan Lerman, a blue-eyed 18-year old ready to set teenage girls' hearts aflutter worldwide.

"I'm really proud of this movie, and I'm ready to be recognized," a relaxed Logan Lerman tells Metro at London's fashionable Gloucester Palace hotel.

Alongside him on the podium are assorted members of the star studded crew, including Pierce Brosnan, Steve Coogan and Kevin McKidd.

Despite his youth, Lerman has already starred with Mel Gibson twice (*The Patriot* and *What Women Want*). And Chris Columbus found what he was looking for in his leading young man in the western 3:10 to Yuma.

Columbus sees a future box-office superstar in Lerman and calls him a 40-year-old person in a 17-year-old body.

"I started very young,"

"Lerman plays a troubled high school student who stumbles across an astonishing secret: He's the son of Greek god of the oceans, Poseidon."

Lerman says. "I'm from Los Angeles and there's always an audition for some commercial just around the corner."

In *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*, Lerman plays a troubled high school student who stumbles across an astonishing secret: He's the son of Greek god of the oceans, Poseidon (Kevin McKidd).

And it gets worse. He is suspected of stealing Zeus' lightning bolt and is hunted by monsters and



Logan Lerman plays the son of a Greek god in *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*.

gods alike who want to prevent the outbreak of war.

Percy sets out on a quest to prove his innocence and rescue his mother who has been kidnapped by Hades (Steve Coogan). The movie is

based on Rick Riordan's best sellers that mixes Greek mythology with 21st century U.S.A. (The portal to Olympus is on the Empire State Building and the way to hell goes via Hollywood).

Percy quickly learns sword-fighting and how to control his power over water, both inherited from his absent father.

He is brought to Camp Half-blood where other children of "Gods who have fallen in love with humans" are taught how to survive as demigods.

It looks a lot like summer camp, but with lethal ancient weapons.

Percy does some intense sword-fighting with budding love interest Annabeth (Alexandra Daddario), who is the daughter of Athena and no push-over.

"We only really had one fight and we didn't want to hurt each other."

"It was kind of stiff so to make it look better I let her hit me, and it looked great," Lerman recalls.

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Ellen hits the right note

TV Fans took to the Internet to express their pleasant surprise over the 52-year-old funnylady's debut as the singing competition's fourth judge.

Ellen DeGeneres assumed her judging panel post for Tuesday's episode chronicling the first round of Hollywood Week, the cutthroat post-audition phase in which 181 contestants will be narrowed down to 24 semifinalists.

The majority of folks posting about DeGeneres on Twitter praised her performance. Some said they were only tuning in for DeGeneres, but not everyone was a devotee. A denim ensemble worn by DeGeneres, also host of *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, was mocked by a few Tweeters.

When Fox announced that DeGeneres, an Emmy winner with no formal music experience, would be the new judge last September, fans were divided over the unlikely replacement for Paula Abdul, the



Ellen DeGeneres

"So this is it, huh? I come on, you leave."

Ellen DeGeneres to fellow judge Simon Cowell

sugary sweet pop singer who judged *Idol* since it debuted in 2002 then left amid contract negotiations after the eighth season ended last year.

"Ellen completely met my expectations," said Dave Della Terza, founder

of *VoteForTheWorst.com*, which encourages viewers to champion bad—but entertaining—singers.

"She was trying way too hard. Her critiques weren't funny because no one wants to see a standup act at the judges' table."

But Andy Dehnart, editor of the popular reality TV blog *www.reality-blurred.com* and a lecturer at Stetson University, said DeGeneres seemed "more polished and on-point than the people who've been sitting at that table for eight years." DeGeneres is on the judging panel alongside Simon Cowell, Randy Jackson and Kara DioGuardi.

"Ellen DeGeneres keeps surprising us," he said. "She excels as a talk show host, and if she keeps up what she did tonight, she'll easily establish herself as the best judge."

DeGeneres' addition comes at a time of change for the aging Fox franchise, which is produced by 19 Entertainment and FremantleMedia North America. Cowell is leaving at the end of the current season to judge and executive produce an American version of *The X Factor*, a talent show he created in Britain. DeGeneres didn't let Cowell off for the move.

"So this is it, huh?" she whispered to him after joining the panel. "I come on, you leave." Several names have been bandied about as potential Cowell replacements but Fox and the show's producers have not announced a replacement for the acerbic British judge.

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Just for You
this Valentine's Day

TV

For a good cause, NBC stars, including

Amy Poehler and Peter Krause and anchorman Brian Williams, are weighing in on what parenthood means to them.

The network has joined with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America in a campaign intended to promote discussion about parenthood and raise funds for the group's Family Strengthening Initiative.

For each person who finishes the sentence "Parenthood is..." for submission at The Parenthood Project website, NBC will contribute \$20 US to the initiative. The network, which launched the site Tuesday, said it's committed to donating \$100,000.

Poehler, who stars in the NBC comedy *Parks & Recreation*

ation, concluded that parenthood is "something funny happening every day," while Williams called it "as rewarding as anything in life."

NBC isn't being entirely altruistic: The network has an upcoming series, *Parenthood* and is weaving promotion of the show in with the campaign.

The hour-long drama, based on the 1989 movie of the same name, debuts 9 p.m. EST on March 1. Its ensemble cast includes Krause, Lauren Graham, Craig T. Nelson and Bonnie Bedelia.

NBC is passionate about the series and wants to generate interest in it, but also saw a chance to "achieve our goals and do some good along the way" by teaming with Boys & Girls Clubs, said Adam Stotsky, president of NBC Entertainment Marketing.

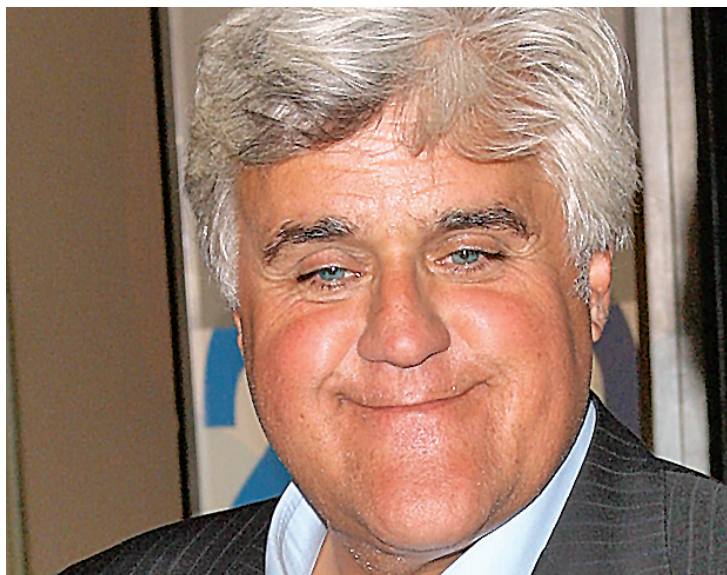
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Amy Poehler

Campbell keeps walking catwalk

Naomi Campbell has no intention of giving up modelling. The 39-year-old beauty — who was one of the '90s supermodels — wants to continue with her life on the catwalk because she still gets a thrill out of doing it. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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The Jay Leno Show is over, but the talk show host will return to The Tonight show next month.

Final show sees Trump 'fire' Leno

Jay Leno ushered out one of television's biggest flops without sentiment on Tuesday, the final night of a prime-time experiment doomed by bad ratings and bad vibes.

Leno told a few barbed jokes about The Jay Leno Show, and Donald Trump told him "you're fired." Leno will return to his old perch at the Tonight show after the Olympics.

Desperate to keep both Leno and Conan O'Brien, NBC gave Leno a show five nights a week at 10 p.m. EST and made O'Brien the Tonight show host. The Jay Leno Show was one of the boldest scheduling moves in years, but the size of Leno's audience — while fine for late night — couldn't cut it in prime time.

Late news shows following Leno on NBC affiliates dropped sharply in the ratings. With some affiliates threatening to yank Leno,

"This show was supposed to be on for two years, but we got five months for good behaviour."

Jay Leno

NBC proposed cutting his show to a half-hour at 11:35 p.m. and moving O'Brien back a half-hour. O'Brien refused and took a buyout from NBC.

"It seems like just yesterday I was telling NBC this was not going to work," Leno said in his final monologue, and it wasn't clear he was joking.

"This show was supposed to be on for two years," Leno said, "but we got five months for good behaviour."

Leno said he should have known it wasn't going to last, and he showed a film of him pulling his car into a parking space that said, Jay Leno, No Parking After Feb. 9.

Actor Ashton Kutcher was a guest, and recently

retired pro football quarterback Kurt Warner was brought on to throw a few passes to him. Actress Gabourey Sidibe came on to talk about her best actress nomination for the Academy Awards.

Leno didn't talk about the Tonight show move. The studio set, if it's kept, will require some changes: the number 10 is now in-laid onto the stage where Leno stands to deliver his monologue.

When the show ended, there wasn't any time to say goodbye. A question-and-answer session with NBC Sports anchor Bob Costas appeared to run long, and Leno barely had time to urge his viewers to stay tuned for the late local news. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Rice readies new video book

Anne Rice is giving the video book a try.

The author of Interview With a Vampire, The Vampire Lestat and many other favourites has agreed to terms with the video book company Vook on a multimedia edition of The Master of Rampling Gate, a vampire story published in Redbook magazine in 1984 and set in an England mansion in the 19th century.

"Vook represents a very exciting combination of

new technological elements, that I think is long overdue in publishing," Rice said in a statement released Wednesday by Vook. "I'm excited that The Master of Rampling Gate is going to have new life in this form, and cannot wait to see the finished product. I'm not sure that my mind can conceive of all the possibilities of this new form. I'm learning. And it feels good."

Opinions are still mixed

among publishers and authors about video books, or vooks, with some calling them a gimmick and others saying new formats are needed for the Internet age. The product integrates text, video and social networking.

Vook founder Bradley Inman says The Sherlock Holmes Experience, based on two stories by Conan Doyle, has been downloaded thousands of times.

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Entertainment in brief

DEATH Phil Harris, the fishing boat captain whose adventures off the Alaska coast were captured on the cable television show Deadliest Catch, has died, the Discovery Channel said. He was 53. Harris suffered what his family described as a massive stroke on Jan. 29 while the

fishing vessel he captained, Cornelia Marie, was in port at St. Paul Island, Alaska. The fisherman was flown to Anchorage for surgery. The reality show, which has filmed five seasons, has been one of the Discovery Channel's most popular and depicts the crab fishing indus-

try in the dangerous waters off Alaska. "It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our dad — Captain Phil Harris. Dad has always been a fighter and continued to be until the end," sons Josh and Jake Harris said in a statement released by the network. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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MJ doc trial goes Hollywood

There's no bloody glove this time, no smoking gun, no faded music icon showing up in court wearing a wig that made it look like he plugged his finger into an electrical socket.

There's not even a celebrity for that matter — the person on trial is a doctor no one had heard of eight months ago.

Still, the case of the People vs. Michael Jackson's doctor has already taken on all the trappings of a full-blown Los Angeles celebrity trial, complete with a scrum of paparazzi and news photographers staking out the accused's residence and chasing him everywhere he goes.

The mere rumour that he would be arrested or surrender sent an army of news photographers from all over the world rushing to a courthouse.

So it seems certain that Conrad Murray will join the ranks of O.J. Simpson, Robert Blake and Phil Spector in the pantheon of Los Angeles celebrity defendants, even if he's an obscure Texas cardiologist in a case of medical negligence.

"There are no surprises here. We know how the guy died, we know who allegedly gave it to him. But lacking surprises, it's Michael Jackson. The news shows can play endless loops of Michael Jackson singing. Maybe his children will come into the courtroom, and what a day that would be," says Judy Muller, who shared in an Emmy for ABC's coverage of the ultimate celebrity trial, the one that ended with O.J. Simpson being acquitted of murder in 1995.

"I hate to be cynical but I've been here long enough to know how this will play," added Muller. "It's Michael Jackson and it's a celebrity trial, even if it's a dead celebrity, and particularly



The case of the People vs. Michael Jackson's doctor has taken on the trappings of a full-blown Los Angeles celebrity trial, complete with paparazzi.

in Los Angeles it's what we're known for."

Not that a trial involving a dead celebrity, even one as revered as Jackson was, is completely unprecedented. In 1981 a Tennessee jury found Dr.

George Nichopoulos not guilty of negligently prescribing drugs to Elvis Presley, whose body contained 14 different stimulants and depressants when he died in 1977.

But, relatively speaking, nobody paid much attention to that.

"That was another age, a much more innocent time," says Los Angeles media consultant Jonathan Taplin.

"You didn't have a 24-7 media machine that feeds on celebrity, that feeds on raising up celebrities and then bringing them down."

It also occurred outside of Los Angeles, a media hotbed for sensational celebrity trial coverage

since an August night in 1969 when a band of Charles Manson's

social misfits broke into Sharon Tate's home and stabbed the actress and her friends to death.

Since then there have been the trials of actor Blake, acquitted of shooting his wife to death after taking her to dinner at his favourite Italian restaurant; of pioneering pop music producer Spector, convicted of fatally shooting actress Lana Clarkson after meet-

ing her at a nightclub; and the granddaddy of them all, Simpson's acquittal of stabbing his ex-wife and her friend to death.

Even Jackson's own trial in nearby Santa Barbara County in 2005, during which he was acquitted of child-molestation charges, rates high on the celebrity scale, with fans marvelling as he danced atop his SUV outside the courthouse one day and showed up in his pyjamas on another.

Just how the Jackson doctor trial, in which Murray is charged with involuntary manslaughter, will stack up against those depends on some intangibles.

If the judge who hears the case decides to let TV cameras into the courtroom, for example, that will likely ratchet up interest quite a bit.

"We have a somewhat interesting example of that in the Phil Spector case," said former federal prosecutor Jean Rosenbluth.

Spector was tried twice for murder, his first trial ending with a hung jury.

With cameras allowed into the courtroom, people tuned in to watch as Spector arrived each day in his funny wigs and 1960s-style mod clothes.

But when cameras were banned from the second trial interest waned until the verdict came in.

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Judy Muller

"Michael Jackson is Phil Spector times two million," laughed Rosenbluth, adding the King of Pop's influence was so great and his death at age 50 so devastating to his worldwide fan base that interest could be huge.

There are already more than a dozen Jackson Facebook fan groups, in several languages, with titles like "I Hate Conrad Murray" and "Arrest Conrad Murray." On Twitter, the Murray tweets from news organizations and private citizens alike pour forth by the minute.

As big as Jackson was, though, it seems doubtful his doctor's case can overshadow Simpson's murder trial. For one thing, notes critical studies professor Todd Boyd, who has written extensively on pop culture and race relations, there's no divisive racial issue this time, as there was when Simpson's lawyers argued he was framed by a racist police officer who planted a bloody glove at his house.

For another, a lot of people thought going into that trial Simpson was guilty.

He had numerous domestic disputes with his ex-wife before she and her friend were violently ambushed.

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Céline Dion to restage Vegas show

SINGER Celine Dion is returning to Caesars Palace with a glitzy new stage show inspired by the romance of classic Hollywood movies.

The music diva says she'll return to The Colosseum in March 2011 for a three-year residency.

Dion says in a release that the show will feature a full orchestra and band with 31 musicians.

She also says it will offer a mix of timeless Hollywood classics, along with fan favourites.

Dion returns to the Ve-

gas venue three years after a celebrated five-year run of sold-out shows there.

It was followed by a year-long worldwide tour in 2008-2009, in which she visited five continents and 25 countries. Dion's new Vegas show will premiere March 15, 2011.

"I'm coming back home to The Colosseum at Caesars Palace and I'm very excited about it," Dion said yesterday in a release.

"With the orchestra and the band we're going to be able to perform our songs like never before. The

repertoire is going to be extraordinary ... a mix of timeless Hollywood classics, along with all the favorites that my fans like to hear me sing. It's going to be a very beautiful show, and I think we'll be raising the bar higher than we've ever done before. There'll be some truly wonderful moments ... I can't wait!"

Tickets for performances from March 15 through Aug. 14, 2011 go on sale Friday and range in price from \$55 to \$250, not including taxes and fees.

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Another baby?

• After four unsuccessful rounds of in vitro fertilization, Céline Dion is not giving up hope for a second child, she tells People magazine in an exclusive cover story. "I'm going to try until it works," says Dion, 41, who has been giving herself daily hormone shots — and enduring the roller-coaster ride of emotions they bring — after the heartbreaking loss of a pregnancy in August. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Eclectic lineup on deck for annual Bonnaroo festival

MUSIC Bonnaroo is known for its eclectic lineup. This summer's roster takes it to a new level.

The festival will be held June 10-13 on a 700-acre (280-hectare) farm in Manchester, Tennessee, about 60 miles (100 kilometres) south of Nashville.

Other top names in the genre-jumping lineup of 125 acts include Norah Jones, Weezer, Jack White's newest band The Dead Weather, and Nas with Damian Marley. The

Flaming Lips will perform Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon.

Bonnaroo also features a formidable comedy lineup led by Chris Rock, Jimmy Fallon and Jack Black's Tenacious D.

The headlining slot earned by Kings of Leon is a milestone for the Nashville-area band, which won a Grammy for record of the year. They are the first band to start on a tiny tent stage at the festival.

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Pairing two favourites

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Satay picnic takeout.

though they come with soy instead of the promised ginger sauce.

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wasabi.

The four chicken skewers are tender and tasty. There are two salads, one with sesame dressing over snow peas, orange and fennel, the other is a rice salad with green onions, fresh mango, cilantro and pistachios.

Included are rice crackers, two yummy rolls and sparkling mineral water.

For dessert are lemony tarts with toasted coconut. They are exquisite, but where are the promised Unni's Famous Florentines? Valentine's at home could break my heart.

Dining out

NONNA'S ROMANCE Trattoria Della Nonna Ristorante e Pizzeria, 9 King St., Lunenburg, was closed all January but has now re-opened in time for Valentine's celebrations. For reservations call 902-640-3112. trattoriadellanonna.ca/

VALENTINE'S TRENDZ Trendz Café and Wine Bar, 15 Spectacle Lake Dr., Dartmouth, offers a three-course Valentine's dinner on Saturday, \$35 each. Dessert choices are: triple chocolate cheesecake, toffee torte, and strawberry panacotta. trendzcafe.ca **METRO HALIFAX**

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critics' corner

Innovators in Music
"Sonic Middle-Aged Dudes" just doesn't have much of a ring to it. The closing episode of this series gets up close and personal with the "noise rock" band Sonic Youth, formed in 1981 during the waning years of the punk movement and still noisy after all these years. Interviews with members of the group are interspersed with performance footage from the '80s and from a tour stop last year in Kansas City, Mo. 9 PM on BRAVO



Google World
Started a mere 14 years ago as a research project by a pair of Stanford University graduate students, Google is now the world's No. 1 search engine and could very well become its most comprehensive database and most powerful corporation. This new documentary goes behind the scenes at Google Inc., with a focus on its efforts to take users into the world of "cloud computing." 9 PM on CBC

Past Life
In this new drama series, Dr. Kate McGinn (Kelli Giddish) and Price Whitley (Nicholas Bishop), a former New York police detective, team up to solve decades-old mysteries that are resurfacing in the lives of contemporary subjects. In the two-hour opener, they try to help a teen whose memories are forcing him to relive his kidnapping and murder in a previous life. 10 PM on ASN, FOX



Supermodel Gisele Bündchen, 29, shows off the first photo of her baby boy, Benjamin, in Brazilian mag Quem. The two-month-old is all bundled up in a blue jacket and matching hat while dozing off in Bündchen's arms, femalefirst.co.uk reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

And — surprise! — he looks like a baby

Celebrity Buzz

Channing shows Ellen how to strip

AND FROM NOW ON ALL HER GUESTS MUST DO THE SAME (EXCEPT RUSH LIMBAUGH) American Idol judge Ellen DeGeneres seemed rhapsodic at having her talk-show guest Channing Tatum demonstrate some of the moves he made in his former job as a male dancer on her show yesterday, people.com reports. "What kind of dancer were you, Channing?" DeGeneres asked Tatum, 29. "I was a stripper," replied the Dear John star, prompting loud applause from the in-studio audience. And so, Tatum demonstrated what men strippers do — though, not a thread was removed. Still, said Tatum, "Now I'm embarrassed."

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Paris is for lovers ... of Johnny's style

ONE THING UPON WHICH THE FRENCH AND THE REST OF THE WORLD AGREE From the long, stringy hair and goatee to the layers of offbeat accessories and everything in between, nobody can quite pull off a look like Johnny Depp — especially as far as his longtime girlfriend Vanessa Paradis is concerned, people.com reports.

"I love his style, yeah, yeah, yeah!" Paradis told People magazine. "I love him, and I don't have to say I like this and I don't like that. When you love somebody, you take them as they are. I would not change him."

Besides Depp's eclectic style, the French singer and actress, 37, is attracted to all the qualities of her

beau (since 1998). "I like him very much in all terms and

every sense of the way," she said. "He makes me happy. We are many things — we are together and, in a way, one person."

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Is Hilton secretly engaged?

THE LIZ TAYLOR OF FIANCEES Paris Hilton may already be engaged to Doug Reinhardt and just waiting to announce it, and if so she may have just tipped her hand.

The heiress was accepting an award for her charity work at a benefit in Los Angeles when she said, "I'd like to thank my future sister-in-law Casey Reinhardt," according to E! News.

Hilton, who has been dating Reinhardt for a year, has hinted that a

wedding may be in the works, saying last month,

"I wouldn't rule out a wedding in 2010. With how amazing everything is going between us, I see a very bright and happy future."

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Madonna ditches boytoy, eyes more recent model

HE WAS GETTING TOO OLD FOR HER Madonna is allegedly livid that Jesus Luz is going around telling people that he was the one who did the dumping in the breakdown of their relationship. "She's furious and feels humiliated," a source tells the Daily Mail. "She feels he has her to thank for his modeling success and is call-

ing all her designer friends, telling them not to use him."

But Madonna appears to have found just the thing to get over the 23-year-old Brazilian model. She's reportedly been getting cozy with 24-year-old Spanish model Jon Kortajarena after meeting him late last year.

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SAMANTHA RONSON doesn't like people saying she abused Lindsay Lohan, **JOHN MAYER** is feeling romantic, **EDDIE IZZARD** refuses to age, and **KIRSTIE ALLEY** is susceptible to advertising. @samantharonson To ANY-ONE who perpetuates this rumour accusing me of being violently abusive after @lindsaylohan has denied it: I WILL take legal action. @johnmayer What's that song that goes "It's a quarter after one, I just huffed a can of ceiling paint and I need you now?" I like that one. @eddieizzard Apparently it's my birthday. I'm twenty two (as usual). Thanks for all your messages @kirstiealley oh my god, all these infomercials are causing me mass confusion ... then I want them all

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+ taxes & fees \$113

Buenos Aires from **\$799**
+ taxes & fees \$371

Vacations

Atlantic City March Break
Air + 3 Nights 4-Star
from **\$289**
+ taxes & fees \$188
INCLUDES accom on the Boardwalk.

Orlando Family Special
Air + 7 Nights from **\$349**
+ taxes & fees \$230
INCLUDES accom near Walt Disney World. **ADD** Walt Disney World Resort 5-day Magic Your Way Base Ticket from \$257 person.

Havana 7 Nights 4-Star from **\$439**
+ taxes & fees \$196

California Air + Car from **\$529**
+ taxes & fees \$128
INCLUDES air into San Francisco, return from San Diego and 7-day car rental with unlimited mileage.

New York March Break
Air + 3 Nights from **\$529**
+ taxes & fees \$106
INCLUDES Manhattan accom. **UPGRADE** to 4-star accom from \$52 per night.

Mt Tremblant
Air + 3 Nights + Lift Ticket from **\$574**
+ taxes & fees \$100
INCLUDES 2-day Ticket at Mt Tremblant. **ADD** 3-day car rental from Montreal from \$60 per day.

London Air + 6 Nights from **\$619**
+ taxes & fees \$417
ADD Oyster travel card from \$68.

All-inclusive Vacations

Punta Cana
Family of 5 Special, 7 Nights 4-Star
from **\$699**
+ taxes & fees \$314

Puerto Plata 7 Nights 4-Star from **\$570**
+ taxes & fees \$298

Puerto Plata 7 Nights 4.5-Star from **\$639**
+ taxes & fees \$311

Samana 7 Nights 4-Star from **\$671**
+ taxes & fees \$299

Varadero 7 Nights 4-Star from **\$695**
+ taxes & fees \$199

Mayan Riviera Family Special
7 Nights 4-Star from **\$735**
+ taxes & fees \$267

Jamaica 7 Nights 4-Star from **\$997**
+ taxes & fees \$259

Cruise Vacations

Florida & Mexico
4-Night Cruise from **\$299**
+ taxes & fees \$103
CRUISE roundtrip Miami and visit Key West & Cozumel.

Alaska 7-Night Cruise from **\$459**
+ taxes & fees \$183
CRUISE from Anchorage/Seward to Vancouver and visit Ketchikan, Icy Strait Point, Juneau and cruise to Hubbard Glacier.

Southern Caribbean
7-Night Cruise from **\$573**
+ taxes & fees \$44
CRUISE roundtrip San Juan and visit St Thomas, Dominica, Grenada, Bonaire & Aruba.

Transatlantic 14-Night Cruise from **\$716**
+ taxes & fees \$168
CRUISE from New York to Venice and visit Ponta Delgada, Lisbon, Seville/Cadiz & Malaga.

Mediterranean 7-Night Cruise from **\$840**
+ taxes & fees \$112
CRUISE roundtrip Barcelona and visit Monte Carlo, Florence/Livorno, Rome/Civitavecchia, Naples & Palma. **BONUS** \$75 per stateroom onboard credit plus bottle of wine included.

Greece & Turkey
Air + 3 Nights + 4-Night Cruise from **\$1599**
+ taxes & fees \$611
INCLUDES air, transfers, 4-night Greek Island & Turkey cruise and 3 nights 3-star accom in Athens with breakfast. **CRUISE** roundtrip Athens and visit Mykonos, Kusadasi (Turkey), Patmos, Rhodes, Crete & Santorini.

Yoga Vacation

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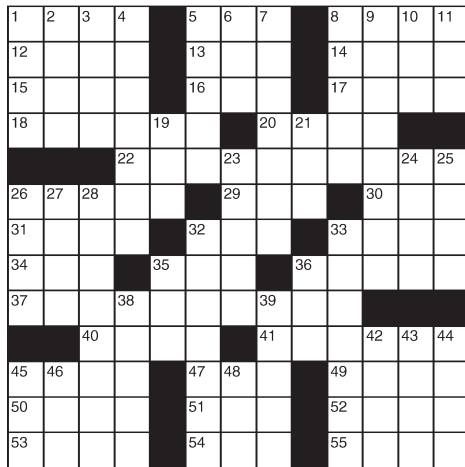
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ACROSS

- 1 Fungus product
- 5 Enthusiast
- 8 Small combo
- 12 Duel tool
- 13 Blond shade
- 14 Maintained
- 15 Approach
- 16 Crossword clue abbr.
- 17 Regulation
- 18 Green
- 20 Ids' counterparts
- 22 Beach pastime
- 26 Normand or Mercer
- 29 Sweet potato
- 30 Greet the villain
- 31 Hawkish Olympian
- 32 Energy
- 33 Spill the beans
- 34 Roulette bet
- 35 Garfield's owner
- 36 Kid napped?
- 37 SoCal teen of the 1980s
- 40 Title
- 41 Inconsequen-

- tial person
- 45 Decline
- 47 31-Across, e.g.
- 49 Curved molding
- 50 With 46-Down, well in the past
- 51 Lamb's mommy
- 52 Caspian Sea feeder
- 53 Dresses in
- 54 Harrison or Reed
- 55 Vend
- 1 Options list

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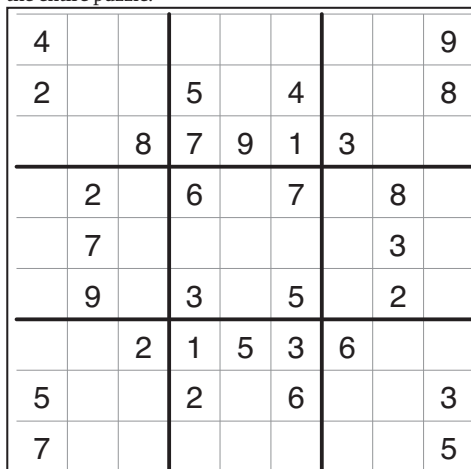
- 2 Admitting clients
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- 4 Develops (from)
- 5 Bellybutton
- 6 — Today
- 7 Early hour
- 8 Pulsate
- 9 Having a second life?
- 10 Under the weather
- 11 Worshipper's

- writing
- 19 Vote seeker
- 21 Workout venue
- 23 Fibbing
- 24 Burden
- 25 Earring site
- 26 Sportscaster Albert
- 27 Vicinity
- 28 Sheets
- 32 It was launched in 1977
- 33 Round, as a nose
- 35 Lustrous black
- 36 "No seats" abbr.
- 38 Wind-blown soil
- 39 Alphabetized list
- 42 Fairy tale villain
- 43 Option from Howie Mandel
- 44 Scream
- 45 Bankroll
- 46 See 50-Across
- 48 Have bills

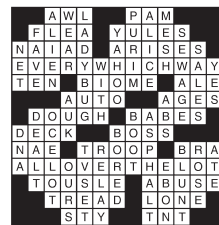
Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



3	1	7	2	8	4	9	6	5
2	4	8	6	5	9	1	3	7
6	9	5	3	7	1	2	4	8
5	8	6	9	1	3	4	7	2
9	7	2	5	4	6	8	1	3
4	3	1	8	2	7	6	5	9
1	2	4	7	9	5	3	8	6
8	5	3	1	6	2	7	9	4
7	6	9	4	3	8	5	2	1



Metro Recipe of the Day



Healthy Home-Cooked Chili

Submitted by Stacey Graham, Vancouver, B.C.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 clove garlic, minced
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 tbsp fresh thyme and rosemary (optional)
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 cup tomato paste
- 1 can tomatoes, chopped, drained
- 1 can red beans
- 1 can corn
- 1/3 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1/2 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 ripe avocado, sliced
- 1 cup nacho chips

METHOD:

1. In a frying pan add olive oil, onion, garlic, thyme,

- and rosemary. Add beef and cook until browned.
2. Meanwhile, put corn and tomatoes into a large pot and cook over medium heat. Add tomato paste, beans, cilantro and chili powder. Stir in beef mixture.
3. Cook until heated and flavours mix together.
4. Garnish with cheddar cheese and avocado pieces sprinkled on top. Serve with a side of nacho chips.

SERVES 6

PREP TIME: 15 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 30 MINUTES



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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Whether it is you keeping secrets from others or others keeping secrets from you there will certainly be plenty of deception going on.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You know what you want and you know how to get it but it might still be wise to get as many people on your side as you possibly can.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
It will pay you to be a little less intense today, especially when dealing with employers and people in positions of power.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Everyone has doubts about what they have done and what they should have done but did not.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Venus, planet of love, moves into one of the best areas of your chart today, making it easy for you to get things done.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Even the little things you do today will have far-reaching effects, especially on the home front.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You should not find it too hard today to forgive someone who says something less than flattering about you.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Communications are likely to be disrupted in some way today but there is no need to panic because it is only a minor blip in what is otherwise an excellent outlook.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
You have been revealing too much about yourself to colleagues and strangers of late and it is time to be a bit more mysterious.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Have the courage to follow a course of action that not everyone in your social circle is likely to approve of.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Get on top of your workload today and, more importantly, stay on top of it for the rest of the week.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Venus in your sign will endow you with a more relaxed take on life over the next few days. Things that annoyed you in the past no longer matter.



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